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** AFGHANISTAN. 1 Apr: clear reception of Afghanistan on 1602 kHz after 1500 (open_dx - Victor Rutkovsky, Yekaterinburg, Russia, Signal May 9 via DXLD) Per WRTH 2006 that would be R. Khost, in Khost, a provincial station of the official RTVA, 10 kW, signing off at 1530, on at 0230, but with a break during the day (gh, DXLD)

** ALASKA [non]. From KNLS --- Digital Shortwave Broadcast

Dear Mr. Hauser, Thought you'd like to know about our upcoming digital shortwave broadcasts. The information is below.

KNLS (World Christian Broadcasting) will participate in the broadcasts on these days and times -- all times are UT:

Thursday, May 11
1600-1700 KNLS in Russian
2000-2100 KNLS in English

Friday, May 12
1400-1500 KNLS in Chinese
1800-1900 KNLS in English

Also, we're sending a special limited-edition QSL card to anyone who sends in a reception report from these broadcasts. The contact information is: knlsdrm @ yahoo.com Or via classic mail to: KNLS, 605 Bradley Court, Franklin, TN 37067. Regards, (Paul Ladd, Director of Listener Follow-Up, May 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. KNOM, Nome, 780 kHz. Received Nome, Alaska postcard with pre-printed QSL on the back with full details handwritten on it for US$ rp. No v/s, report sent to PO Box 988, Nome AK 99762-0988, Alaska.

KFQD, Anchorage, 750 kHz. Beautiful QSL card with dusk scene of Anchorage and KFQD logo for US$ rp, v/s illegible, Program Director, report sent to 301 Arctic Slope Ave #200, Anchorage AK 99518-3036 Alaska (Craig Edwards, Nhulunbuy (Gove), Northern Territory, Australia, mwdx yg via DXLD)

** ALASKA [non]. Looking over the TV schedules, something caught my eye, for Monday May 8 at 13-14 UT on Spike: ``HAARP Attack`` on the ``7 Days`` series, something I normally would not watch. From zap2it.com, SYNOPSIS: ``Parker back-steps to prevent U.S. military planes from bombing Americans.`` That`s it. Action-adventure set in Mideast, opening with the bad guys speaking Arabic, subtitled. I checked my tape twice, but never saw any episode name in the opening titles, so wasn`t sure this was really it. At one point, someone did mention ``harp``. Lots of shots of BU satellite dishes, NORAD, and map graphics, but never saw anything near Alaska. Quickly lost interest (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. Glenn, Here are my monitoring observations for the last week or so. LRA36, 15476, I am listening between 1900 and 2100 (after Africa 1 sign-off at 1900 UT on 15475) and was unable to hear anything

at all on May 4, 5 or 7 (Jeff Imel, Muncie, IN, May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. NUEVA EMISORA X-BAND EN EL GRAN BUENOS AIRES

1640 kHz, Radio Bethel, Villa Caraza, Partido de Lanus, Provincia de Buenos Aires, es una nueva emisora que transmite en la Xband local. Pertenece a la Iglesia ``Asamblea de Dios`` y por lo escuchado, est· en los primeros dias de transmisiÛn. Fue reportada el dia 08 de mayo de 2006, sobre las 1350 UT, con el programa ``Una palabra para ti``, con saludos a oyentes de Bernal, Lanus e Ingeniero Budge, alabanzas y m˙sica cristiana. Anuncia el telÈfono 4276-2423 para comunicarse con la estaciÛn. No llega Radio Bolivia, que operaba hasta hace unos dÌas en la frecuencia. øPodrÌa haber un cambio de QTH y orientaciÛn de la emisora que dirigia sus programas a la comunidad boliviana? Radio Bethel entra con muy buena recepciÛn en el oeste de la Ciudad AutÛnoma de Buenos Aires y Lomas del Mirador, donde fue escuchada (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, May 9, radioescutas via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 24 ABR 0820 UT, 2884 KHZ, Ezeiza Radio. Castellano. Reporte meteorolÛgico para la Rep˙blica Argentina. Fuerte. Desvanecimiento Propagacional (Ad·n Mur, —emby, Paraguay, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. MW targets in NAm: see NEW ZEALAND [and non]

** BAHAMAS [and non]. 96.1 FM, Cool FM, Freeport, Grand Bahamas, Caribbean accented announcer reading news in English. Taking calls. Many mentions of Bahamas. Positive ID at 9:19 [pm EDT May 7]. First Bahamian on FM here (Juan Gualda, Ft. Pierce, FL, WTFDA via DXLD)

Bahamas are too close for Es, but by gosh they are rare here in central Florida on FM. There is some tropo down here now, so that would explain things. I know Bahamas are heard frequently in Northern Florida, but here on the Treasure Coast, we are too close for skip, and too far for line of sight.

It's only 120 miles as the crow flies, but the Bahamas stations use really short sticks. It is not as easy as it would look. I got Channel 13 from Freeport last year during a tropo opening, but it was weak and fairly brief. As close as Cuba is, from this location FM & TV are very rare to receive believe it or not, and I am too close for E skip. I have received TV, but not FM from Cuba; not yet anyway (Juan Gualda, Ft. Pierce, FL, ABDX via DXLD)

Apparently you can listen online. http://cool96fm.com/homeframe.htm (Michael n Wyo Richard, ibid.)

More Bahamas FM Tonight! 97.5 FM Nassau, Bahamas. Love 97 mixing but on top of Lakeland, FL. Love songs including Mariah Carey and Richard Marx. Parallel web feed. Second Bahamian and first time for this station at this QTH (Juan Gualda, Ft. Pierce, FL, May 8, ibid.)

** BOLIVIA. Hola colegas: Esta es la respuesta de Radio Santa Cruz a un informe de recepciÛn correspondiente a una emisiÛn del pasado 22 de abril. Un saludo, Paz y DX (Ignacio Sotomayor, Segovia, Castilla, EspaÒa (40∫57'00''N-4∫07'10''W) Rcvx: ICOM R-75; SONY ICF -SW7600 Anx: Hilo largo de 10 metros; KIWA Pocket Loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Re: Informe de recepciÛn a Radio Santa Cruz

Estimado Ignacio, Le agradezco el envÌo del reporte de recepciÛn de la seÒal de Radio Santa Cruz. Los datos que usted envÌa corresponden a nuestra transmisiÛn. Radio Santa Cruz est· ubicada en la Ciudad de Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia y transmite por las frecuencias de 960 Khz en AM, por 6135 Khz en la banda de 49 m y en los 92.3 Mhz de FM. Nuestro programa principal es "El Maestro en Casa" que ayuda a los adultos que no pudieron estudiar en su niÒez a poder seguir por radio los ocho cursos de primaria. A los alumnos se les facilitan los textos. Una vez por semana, un maestro guÌa voluntario reune a los alumnos de la comunidad para socializar conocimientos y compartir experiencia. Lamento no poder enviarle la tarjeta QSL porque no las tenemos. Reciba un cordial y agradecido saludo, Javier Velasco, Radio Santa Cruz (via Sotomayor, ibid.)

** BOLIVIA. A slide show of Radio Illimani transmitter site can be seen at: http://www.flickr.com/photos/george-lessard/sets/1386400/ (``EL TIEMPO HECHICERO`` DX NEWS No. 26, 9 Mayo 2006, by Tetsuya HIRAHARA, Tokyo, Radio Nuevo Mundo via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. LIBRERIA NUEVO MUNDO
R·dio Nacional: o Brasil em sintonia

Written by Luiz Carlos Saroldi and Sonia VirgÌnia Moreira, published by Jorge Zahar Editor in 2005. 223 pages in total. Price: R$34 (some US$15.5). ISBN 85-7110-881-1

This is the third edition of the book which I introduced in the last THDXN. Completely revised and enlarged edition, and highly recommended.

MemÛria do R·dio de Mogi das Cruzes: Os precursores, a programaÁ„o, os profissionais, as emissoras

Written by Nivaldo Marangoni, published in 2005. 223 pages in total. Mogi das Cruzes is a city located in the suburbs of S„o Paulo. There

is a large Japanese colony in Mogi, thus radio stations had programs for Japanese descendents. This book consists of 71 chapters, out of which four chapters are dedicated to such Japanese programs. This book also includes collection of photographs of radio personality. Great book (``EL TIEMPO HECHICERO`` DX NEWS No. 26, 9 Mayo 2006, by Tetsuya HIRAHARA, Tokyo, Radio Nuevo Mundo via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL ñ Em 29 e 30 de abril, a R·dio Globo, do Rio de Janeiro (RJ), estava emitindo esp˙rios em canais prÛximos a sua freq¸Íncia de 11805 kHz, na faixa de 25 metros. Nada que o competente gerente de transmissores do Sistema Globo de R·dios, Gilberto Braatz K¸ssler, n„o resolva. K¸ssler foi, durante muitos anos, o respons·vel pelo parque tÈcnico da R·dio Ga˙cha, de Porto Alegre (RS), onde respondia a todos os relatÛrios de recepÁ„o dos ouvintes com o devido cart„o QSL. Quem sabe n„o faÁa o mesmo na Globo como um incentivo aos radioescutas? O endereÁo eletrÙnico dele È: gilberto.kussler @ sgr.com.br (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX May 7 via DXLD)

** CANADA. Re 6-061, about the wrong piece of music played on RCI Spotlight: surprised to get in the p-mail from Marc Montgomery, a CD of music played by Alain LefËvre, presumably in response to my comment. Nice. Thanks, Marc! However, this CD does not include the missing piece of music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. Frequency change for Radio Canada International in French from May 5:
2100-2200 NF 9690 HB 350 kW / 220 deg to NoWeAf, ex 9665
          \\ 11810 SKN 300 kW / 165 deg and 15325 SAC 250 kW / 073 deg
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, May 9 via DXLD) See also NEWFOUNDLAND

** CANADA. ACCIDENT KILLS CBC BROADCASTER LORNE SAXBERG
   Last Updated Sun, 07 May 2006 23:01:27 EDT [illustrated]
http://www.cbc.ca/story/canada/national/2006/05/07/saxberg-obit.html#Map

Veteran CBC broadcaster Lorne Saxberg died Saturday in a snorkelling accident while on vacation in Phuket, Thailand. He was 48.

Lorne Saxberg was one of the original anchors when Newsworld was launched in 1989. (CBC) [caption]

During his 27-year career at CBC, Saxberg was a widely recognized news anchor in television and radio, who was famous for his deeply sonorous voice and his easy-going delivery.

He recently won a prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award for a documentary he wrote and hosted on the 60th anniversary of the Hiroshima nuclear bomb.

Saxberg grew up in Thunder Bay, Ont., and joined CBC Radio as an announcer in his early 20s. He soon moved to Toronto, where he became one of the first anchors of CBC Newsworld, Canada's all-news television network.

Two years ago, Saxberg took a leave from his duties as anchor for national television news and CBC Newsworld to work as announcer and trainer with NHK Japan in Tokyo, where he became widely known for his Canadian accent and deep voice.

Saxberg was also an active volunteer in the company's union, the Canadian Media Guild.

"He was the consummate pro and an exceptional journalist," said Ken Becker, a Newsworld producer who worked with Saxberg for many years. "When he was in the anchor chair, you knew you could throw Lorne any story - from the outbreak of war to the birth of a panda at the zoo - and he'd deliver it to the viewer with exactly the right tone.

"He brought to every story a vast knowledge on nearly every subject, a reporter's curiosity and an appreciation of fine writing." (via Dan Say, DXLD)

In the May issue of its Listening In magazine, the Ontario DX Association will feature a photo of Lorne in 1981 when he worked for the CBC in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and attended the Association of North American Radio Clubs convention held in the city that year (Harold Sellers, Ontario DX Association http://www.odxa.on.ca ODXA yg via DXLD)

** CANADA. CBRU-1270 Squamish BC has applied to move to FM (98.3 MHz, 1.55 kW), due to the termination of the lease for the AM transmitter site effective 24 July 2006. CBRU is a relay of CBU-690 Vancouver, and was on 1260 with 40 watts for many years. When the Chilliwack station on 1270 moved to FM, CBRU was able to move to 1270 using 400 watts day/ 200 watts night. I think that several DXers including Pat Martin have received QSLs from CBRU-1270 over the past couple of years. Get them while you can as they will be silent effective 24 July.

Speaking of 1270, CHAT-1270 Medicine Hat AB went off the air about a month ago (moved to FM) so this should make CBRU easier to log.
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http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Notices/2006/pb2006-58.htm#9

Application by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) to amend the licence of radio programming undertaking CBU Vancouver, British Columbia.

The licensee proposes to add a FM transmitter at Squamish to broadcast the programming of its Radio One service originating from CBU Vancouver, in order to continue to serve the population of Squamish and surrounding areas.

The transmitter would operate on frequency 98.3 MHz (channel 252A) with an average effective radiated power of 1,550 watts (maximum effective radiated power of 3,000 watts/antenna height of -389.53 metres).

The CBC indicates that the lease for the site of its transmitter CBRU Squamish will be terminated on 24 July 2006 and it has been unsuccessful to find an alternate location for its AM transmitter. Therefore, it has concluded that a change from the AM to the FM band is the most attractive technical and economical solution.

The CBC indicates that its Radio One service at Squamish and surrounding areas, received from its transmitter CBRU, will go off the air as of 24 July 2006.

73, (Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks for the update. According to the CE at CBU, CBRU was 250 watts on 1260 and 400 watts on 1270. I QSL'd them on both frequencies. There are a few LPRTs that run more than 40 watts. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, IRCA via DXLD)

** CANADA. Spread the word. 1610, CHHA in Toronto, Latin American format, signs off at 0000 Eastern every night [0400 UT]. I know of no one on FM in the area that signs off (Saul Chernos, Toronto / Burnt River ON, May 7, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

** CHECHNYA. ESPECIAL DE LA ROSA DE TOKYO PARA HOY DÕA 7 DE MAYO 2006 Dedicado a Chechenia. http://es.geocities.com/programasdx/larosa.htm http://programasdx2.multiply.com/music/item/5
Programas DX 73 de (Dino Bloise, JosÈ Bueno, JosÈ ElÌas, JosÈ Miguel Romero, Juan Manuel Natale y Omar JosÈ Somma, bclnews.it via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. For several days now Sound of Hope 18200 etc. has been changing frequency one or more times every day, but to no avail as the jammer is following within minutes (Olle Alm, Sweden, April 30, wwdxc BC-DX May 5 via DXLD)

Any listeners to the Chinese clandestine station must be having a hard time finding it every day - although the Chincoms don't it seems. For them to spend so much time on chasing and jamming an outfit like that must show the sheer paranoia of the state to obliterate anything and everything that criticises them. No wonder the price of oil is so

high! (Noel R. Green-UK, April 30, wwdxc BC-DX ibid.)

** CHINA [and non]. Ming Hui Radio (Tentative) 5/8/06, 11700, SINPO 33443, 1535-1600. Man and woman alternating talking, short musical bridge 1558, woman with apparent ID and possible schedule, off. Chinese firedrake jamming throughout, also ending promptly at 1600. I was not able to hear the end of the program accurately enough to catch the ID thanks to both a migraine and booming and crashing of drums and cymbals. The time, frequency and jamming would match an ILG entry and article in Clandestine Radio Watch 201 (2/28/06). According to the CRW entry, the program is a Falun Dafa effort (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. Re 6-071. Guess what John Callarman in Texas listened to after ID of La Voz de Tu Conciencia and sudden fading, the signal of Radio Mil introducing Enrique Guzm·n`s Spanish cover of Gene McDaniels classic ``A Hundred Pounds of Clay``. That`s because I canít imagine RM playing English songs and less LVC playing secular music, altho the lyrics of that song are in some way biblical (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. Hola amigos diexistas de RNM øcÛmo est·n? Esta es una secciÛn dedicada a la actualidad del diexismo latinoamericano, elaborada por su redactor TH en una forma muy irregular. Informaciones citadas en esta secciÛn fueron logradas a travÈs de la escucha e investigaciÛn en las ciudades de San JosÈ, Costa Rica del 27 al 30 de abril y Lima del 30 de abril al 4 de mayo de 2006 [see also PERU. Horas se mencionan en GMT. Bueno, vamos a dar un paseo por un maravilloso mundo del diexismo latinoamericano ---

1.1 Costa Rica (Tico DXing! No. 28) Onda Media

570 Radio Libertad, San JosÈ, was not heard during my short stay.

590 Radio Nacional, San JosÈ.
http://www.sinart.go.cr/ rnacional@sinart.go.cr
Tel (506) 231-3331 - Fax (506) 231-6604

640 Radio Rica, San JosÈ, s/on at 23:30 with NA on April 28.
Opening anmt ñ Buenos dÌas, ricos dÌas. Desde San JosÈ, capital de la costa m·s rica del mundo, saludamos a nuestra millonaria audiencia, transmitiendo en 640 kHz amplitud modulada y envi·ndoles un mensaje de optimismo. TIAD Radio Rica le desea ricos dÌas.
ID ñ Desde San JosÈ, Costa Rica, transmite TIAD Radio Rica 640 kHz en la amplitud modulada.

670 Radio Monumental, San JosÈ, was not heard during my short stay.

700 FCN Radio Internacional, San JosÈ. (ex- FCN Radio Sonora)
IDs ñ 24 horas de programaciÛn, 24 horas de compaÒÌa. Ud. est· en sintonÌa de FCN Radio Internacional, juntos uniendo al mundo.
ñ FCN Radio Internacional. Para todo el mundo vÌa satÈlite por los satÈlites Panamsat 9 y Panamsat 10, y por internet en FCNradio.com. FCN Radio Internacional, juntos uniendo al mundo.

780 Radio AmÈrica, San JosÈ. New address at http://www.780america.com

800 Radio Gigante ``La Gigante`` , San JosÈ.
http://www.radiogigante800am.com/
radiogigante@costarricense.cr radiogigante@yahoo.com

820 Radio Centro, San JosÈ, was not heard during my short stay.

850 Radio Cartago, Cartago. (ex-1520 kHz) See News Clip section for more info!
IDs ñ Cursando valles y montaÒas hasta sus hogares lleva la seÒal nÌtida y potente de la emisora que est· en el corazÛn de los costarricenses. Radio Cartago, la primera, transmitiendo desde la Provincia de Cartago en 850 AM. Ahora integrante del Grupo (Extra).
ñ Si a su puerta tocan para preguntarle quÈ emisora escucha, Ud. dir· la verdad, porque su Radio Cartago...
ñ Con la alma y corazÛn cartaginÈs, escucha la emisora que llegÛ para quedarte [sic]. Radio Cartago... a metrÛpolis.
ñ Transmitiendo desde la (fija) metrÛpolis para todo el paÌs Radio Cartago 850, (la m·s), una emisora del Grupo Extra. Las noticias, los deportes y las transmisiones desde las comunidades, sÛlo uno... m˙sica. Radio Cartago, la radio de los cartagineses.
ñ ... por su sintonÌa. Esta es Radio Cartago en 850 AM, emisora integrante del Grupo Extra, transmitiendo desde la muy noble ideal [y real?] ciudad de Cartago. Nuestro telÈfono 591-0542.
Anmt ñ Radio AmÈrica, TV42, La Prensa Libre, Diario Extra y Radio Cartago: unidos por un mismo ideal, llevar la mejor informaciÛn y entretenimiento a los hogares de Costa Rica.

890 Radio Heredia, Heredia. 0200 s/on with Canara pgm ``Panorama``. See News Clip section for more info!
IDs ñ Radio Heredia, 890 AM, La Voz de los Heredianos. Viva Radio Heredia, por media calle, opiniÛn, noticias, deporte y m·s, desde el centro de la ciudad de la flor para toda Costa Rica. Radio Heredia 890 AM, Radio Heredia 890 AM La Voz de los Heredianos. Una emisora afiliada al Grupo de ComunicaciÛn Monumental.
ñ Radio Heredia, 890 AM, La Voz de los Heredianos, una emisora m·s del Grupo Monumental. Somos la n˙mero uno en el corazÛn de los heredianos.

910 BBN, San JosÈ. (ex- Radio MetrÛpolis)
According to their website, they inaugurated a 5 kW xmtr on Feb. 1,

2005.
IDs ñ Para mejorar su relaciÛn con Dios, Ud. est· escuchando BBN por el 910 AM.
ñ Esta es BBN. Son las 6 de la tarde en BBN, la emisora cristiana 24 horas al dÌa por el 910 AM.
ñ Son las 5 de la maÒana. Y en BBN alabamos el nombre del SeÒor Jesucristo, 910 AM.
ñ En 910 AM transmite para que Ud. mejore su relaciÛn con Dios, desde San JosÈ en Costa Rica.
Anmt ñ Estamos transmitiendo por el 910 AM el mensaje que cambia vida desde San JosÈ y Costa Rica.

930 Radio Costa Rica, San JosÈ. http://www.radiocr.net/
info@radiocr.net
Gerente: Endy Torres, according to their websie.

980 Radio Managua, San JosÈ.
ID ñ Esta es Radio Managua, la preferida, la que siempre te acompaÒa, con la mejor m˙sica, 980 AM, la pinolera. [for Nic immigrants?]

1120 Radio Miel, Alajuela. (ex- UnciÛn Radio channel)
Religious programming. According to a telephone interview, the station was inaugurated on Sept. 15, 2005; Power ñ 1 kW; 24h broadcast [actually not 24h]; Director ñ Ignacio GutiÈrrez; E-mail ñ nparedes @ enlace.org
IDs ñ Estamos contentos de poder compartir tantas cosas buenas. Gracias por ser parte de Radio Miel una dulce melodÌa para su alma.
ñ Nuestra parte musical est· hecha para todos los gustos y edades. Nos gusta complacerte con el tema musical de tu preferencia. ComunÌcate y solicita de inmediato al telÈfono 443-9035. Radio Miel, una dulce melodÌa en tu dial.
ñ Ud. escucha Radio Miel, una dulce melodÌa para su alma.
ñ En Radio Miel es imprtante su reporte de sintonÌa. Ll·menos al telÈfono 443-9035.
ñ Tus comentarios y tus peticiones son muy importantes para nosotros. Ll·manos ya 443-9035 y 443-9183. Radio Miel, la emisora m·s dulce de tu dial.
ñ Desde el amancer estamos contigo, porque nos gusta que te levantes animados, que disfrutes tu vida, y que el propÛsito de Dios se cumpla en tÌ. Radio Miel, 1120 amplitud modulada.
ñ Ud. escucha Radio Miel, la emisora que te bendice con la mejor m˙sica del universo. Sigue en sintonÌa.
Anmt ñ Si Ud. hoy nos quiere visitar, estamos ubicados 300 metros norte y 50 oeste del Antiguo Hospital San Rafael, 300 norte, 50 oeste del Antiguo Hospital San Rafael de entrada emergencias, y ser· una gran bendiciÛn ... mucha gente ha venido a conocer la iglesia por medio de la radio, si aquÌ en la radio han escuchado tal vez de alg˙n evento y alguna actividad especial, y pues han venido ac· y ha sido

una bendiciÛn siempre recibir a personas que vienen por alg˙n motivo de ac· la iglesia y conocer la radio y si Ud. quiere conocer la radio . . . con muchÌsimo gusto le damos ac· un tour ac· por radio para que Ud. conozca las instalaciones de Radio Miel. Somos una radio AM, tenemos la estructura que hablando del equipo muy moderno lo que saca la cabina muy linda y muy moderna y nos gustarÌa que conozcan la radio porque esta radio es del pueblo de El SeÒor, la cuidamos pero queremos que Ud. conozca la radio para que la gente intensifique un poquito m·s con este lindo ministerio que Dios nos ha dado ac· en la Iglesia Miel.

1200 Radio Cuc˙, San JosÈ. http://www.radiocucu.com/
cabina@radiocucu.com

1280 VisiÛn 1280, San JosÈ.
ID ñ En los 1280 amplitud modulada transmite VisiÛn 12-80, una emisora del Grupo VisiÛn.

1360 Radio Celestial, San JosÈ. Tel:(506) 226-4600 Fax: (506) 275-8080
ID ñ Somos la mejor opciÛn en m˙sica cristiana continua, 1360 AM Radio Celestial.

1420 Radio Pampa, Liberia/Nicoya. http://www.radiopampa.net/

Frecuencia Modulada
89.1 Pop 891 (ex- 891)
90.7 La Nueva 90.7 (ex-Ritmo 907)
IDs ñ Todos los personajes est·n m·s locos que nunca en la Nueva 90.7 ya regresamos de locos.
ñ M·s m˙sica y diversiÛn en una sola frecuencia. Esta es La Nueva 90.7, La Nueva 90.7.
93.9 Sonido Latino FM (ex-93 9)
101.1 UNID playing nonstop music.
101.5 Radio Nacional FM
ID ñ 101.5, Transmitiendo para todo el territorio nacional, Nacional estÈreo, Nacional estÈreo. Una emisora del Sinart S.A.
105.9 La Regalona (ex- Radio Puntarenas)

CONARA List

According to the undated (but seemingly prepared in 2002) radio station list by Control Nacional de Radio http://www.conara.org/index.htm the following ``news`` can be found. Please note, however, that as is the case with other ``official lists``, it does not reflect the actual situation. On 530 kHz, for example, the station continues to identify as Radio Sinfonola, and on 910 kHz, the station only mentions BBN, according to monitoring.

530 TIRI Radio Internacional, Cartago

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 570 TIELR Radio Libertad
 610 TIRMV Radio MarÌa
 640 TIALY Radio Rica
 670 TITNT Radio Monumental
 890 TIBAS Radio Fabulosa
 910 TIUM  Radio Integridad
 960 TISD  Nueva Radio Alajuela
1140 TIDKN Radio Gu·pilwes
1160 TICA  Radio Columbia El Roble (Puntarenas) relay
1200 TITQ  Radio Cuc˙
1240 TIWC  Radio Columbia CaÒas relay
1260 TIDIO Radio Emaus
1300 TIGL  Radio La Fuente Musical
1320 TILX  Radio Columbia San Carlos relay
1360 TIDS  Radio Celestical [sic]
1400 TIGJ  Radio SinaÌ
1430 TIDVC Radio San Carlos
1460 TILX  Radio Columbia Ciudad Quesada relay
1480 TIAW  Radio El Sol, Puntarenas
1500 TIASF Radio Cima
1540 TICUB Radio Enlace
1560 TIOAR Radio Nicoya
1580 TIIER R. Cul. Pejibaye; R. Cul. de Santiago; R. Cul. Tilar·n; R.
           Cul. Chachagua [as in Cultura, I guess --- gh]
1600 TIIER R. Cul. ChirripÛ; R. Cul. San Gabriel; R. Cul. Puerto
           Viejo; R. Cul. Boruca; R. Cul. Telire
1600 TIRPQ Radio M·s, Quepos
1600 TICC  Radio Golfito
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Al DÌa (March 28, 2005) ñ Costa Rica

El 1 de abril sale al aire Radio Heredia (Jorge A. QUESADA PALOMO)

Su norte est· muy claro: Radio Heredia llegÛ al dial con el firme propÛsito de llevar el pulso de los acontecimientos m·s importantes de la ciudad de las flores, y lo har· a partir del 1 de abril.

Ubicada en los 890 A.M., la radio estar· bajo el mando del periodista Fabio Escalante, quien, adem·s, alternar· sus labores de director con la de presentador y periodista de la secciÛn deportiva de canal 6.

El proyecto nace como parte de la estrategia de fortalecimiento que tiene el Grupo Monumental con sus radios provinciales que, en el caso de Radio Heredia, viene con una propuesta muy variada.

En la programaciÛn se encuentra un noticiero, una revista dedicada a las mujeres y el programa deportivo de Escalante, ``La voz del herediano``, entre otros. Este espacio -en particular- goza de buena aceptaciÛn entre los amantes del deporte, quienes tienen m·s de 10 aÒos apoy·ndolo.

Al servicio herediano

Los radioescuchas tendr·n informaciÛn que los mantendr·n al tanto del tr·fico en las ``horas pico`` y, tambiÈn, an·lisis de los proyectos municipales, asÌ como sus avances. ``Llevaremos el pulso de los proyectos que involucran y benefician a todos los miembros de la provincia``, seÒalÛ Escalante. Mientras, la revista femenina enfocar· sus temas en aspectos relacionados con salud, recomendaciones legales, belleza y nutriciÛn.

De momento, un joven equipo conformado por Luis Siles, Roy Valerio, Andrea JimÈnez y JosÈ Pablo Salazar est· a la espera para compartir su trabajo. Finalmente est·n en conversaciones para transmitir actividades en el horario nocturno, que, eventualmente, podrÌan ser de car·cter deportivo.

Diario Extra (June 23, 2005) ñ Costa Rica

Radio Cartago en 850 A.M. GRUPO EXTRA CON NUEVA RADIO EMISORA
(Paola Hern·ndez ChavarrÌa)

Recientemente saliÛ al aire con una imagen totalmente renovada Radio Cartago en la frecuencia 850 de la Amplitud Modulada (AM), convirtiÈndose asÌ en la segunda radio emisora del Grupo Extra y el quinto medio de comunicaciÛn que conforma el grupo.

Para tal fin se firmÛ un acuerdo entre William GÛmez, gerente general de Grupo Extra y los hermanos Luis y RamÛn Marrero representantes de Radio Cartago.

Esta emisora tenÌa dos aÒos de estar al aire en la frecuencia 1520 A.M. asignada al Grupo Columbia, pero ahora se puede localizar en 850 A.M del Grupo Extra.

Al igual que los dem·s medios de comunicaciÛn de este Grupo, la radioemisora mantendr· los principios de servicio a la sociedad.
El gerente de la radio es el seÒor Luis Marrero, quien explicÛ que por el momento est·n saliendo al aire con un transmisor que le permite ser escuchada solamente en la provincia de Cartago y San JosÈ.

``Aproximadamente en un mes se colocar· un nuevo transmisor que permitir· que la seÒal se pueda escuchar en todo el paÌs con total claridad``, apuntÛ.

Marrero explicÛ que la radio mantendr· la programaciÛn con la que han logrado ser la radio emisora local m·s escuchada en la provincia de Cartago.

Radio Cartago, cuenta con programas como Caminando Con Jes˙s y MarÌa, dirigido por JosÈ (Macho) Barquil de 8 a 9 de la maÒana. De 9 a 10, la primera emisiÛn de CN Noticias y de 6 a 7 p.m. la segunda. de 7 a 8:15 de la noche, Oscar Deportes, dirigido por Oscar Badilla.

Adem·s cuentan con el espacio deportivo ``Transmisiones Becara`` cuyo gerente es RamÛn Marrero y en el que transmiten todos los partidos de f˙tbol donde participe el Club Sport CartaginÈs o los equipos de segunda divisiÛn de la provincia.

``No omitimos seÒalar que tambiÈn es nuestro interÈs apoyar a los cartagineses en lo espiritual y por tal razÛn los s·bados MonseÒor JosÈ Francisco Ulloa, Arzobispo designado de Cartago, tendr· un espacio en la radio todos los s·bados. De igual forma el historiador e investigador Mariano Carlos Oreamuno, tendr· unos micros marianos``, dijo Marrero.

RADIO NOTICIERO NETAMENTE LOCAL

Radio Cartago mantendr· su noticiero local CN Noticias, el que informa a los cartagineses principalmente del acontecer la provincia, o de la participaciÛn de ciudadanos de esa provincia en otras zonas.

``Este noticiero siempre ha tenido claro que su principal responsabilidad es orientar la opiniÛn de los Cartagineses adecuadamente. Pero tambiÈn un aspecto muy importante es el apoyo que necesitan los agricultores para lograr sus proyectos y progresar junto con ellos, ya que Cartago es una provincia netamente agrÌcola``, explicÛ Luis Marrero.

Los vecinos tambiÈn podr·n dar a conocer su opiniÛn sobre problemas comunales o situaciones generales llamando al telÈfono 552 4497 de CN Noticias.

M/SICA PARA LOS CARTAGINESES

Otro de los aspectos importantes para Cartago es la programaciÛn musical de la radio. Luis Marrero, seÒala que la m˙sica que se transmite es a acorde con el gusto de los cartagineses.

``Algo muy importante es que el sistema de complacencias es muy eficiente, adem·s de que la gente de Cartago tiene mayor facilidad para pedir m˙sica de su agrado en la radio de la provincia, que las de San JosÈ, donde su llamada compite con personas de todo el paÌs``, apuntÛ.

(``EL TIEMPO HECHICERO`` DX NEWS No. 26, 9 Mayo 2006, by Tetsuya HIRAHARA, Tokyo, Radio Nuevo Mundo via DXLD)

** CUBA. Checking RHC 17705, UT Mon May 8 at 0005 for a few minutes, sure sounded like Arabic, with lots of ``wa`` and ``iya`` syllables, tho I did not recognize many words one usually hears in Arabic news. Possibly Quechua with a heavy Arabic accent?

Finally on UT May 8-9 I was tuned in at 2359 to hear an announcement in unknown language, but the numbers and contact info were in Spanish. This is listed as GuaranÌ. 0000 a 2-minute ``Archivo de terrorismo en AmÈrica`` in Spanish about the Luis Posada Carriles affair (I am still waiting to hear one of these about how Fidel betrayed the Revolution), 0002 IS and theme music, 0003 definitely opening in Arabic, not Quechua (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [and non]. Re 6-071, DXPL: I noted that they said that the change to a 15-minute program was run by the US stations broadcasting DXPL now and agreed to by them. But what I'm wondering is what WWCR and WRMI will do to fill out the remainder of the half-hour timeslot now occupied by DXPL? What's available that's 15 minutes long to plug in there that would be something radio-related and worthwhile, especially for WWCR's "DX Block"?

And something I'm sure gh will be interested in: how much of the new 15-minute DXPL will be the radio-related reports now on DXPL and how much will be "Tip for Real Living"? It will be too much to hope for that the latter will be dropped entirely, will it not? 73, (Will Martin, MO, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, I`ll bet it`s Ask WWCR on that station. There are some more-or-less 15 minute DX programs on some other stations which could do with an airing on WRMI. Besides abolishing TFRL, DXPL could stop duplicating stuff that is also on other DX programs. Meanwhile, I just monitored DXPL and provide this:

Altho English analog SWBC is coming to an end in Quito, DXPL will continue on three other stations where it is being heard, HCJB Australia, WRMI and WWCR. May 29, 1961 was the first broadcast of DXPL, so celebrates 45 years on the air later this month. As of June 3, DXPL will become a 15-minute program, a bit tighter presentation, but the show will continue, thankfully. Necessitated by change in AG`s production and administrative responsibilities. Green light to continue, and tnx for continued commitment of the stations to carry the new compact version of DXPL. All three outlets have agreed to new shorter format (Allen Graham, DXPL May 6, notes by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also EGYPT; it would be nice if the level of accuracy were also improved (gh)

** EGYPT. R. Cairo has daily English language lessons [sic] in its

morning Arabic transmission to Australia, 20-22 on 7210. Arabic by Radio [sic] is at 2135-2145, but collides with Romania in English on 7210 to Europe at 2130 (Bob Padula, HCJB DX Partyline May 6, notes by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

??? Which is it, Arabic lessons for English speakers, or English lessons for Arabic speakers? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, Radio East Africa, Bata, 0815 heard with good, clear signal but faded almost completely by 0835, no IDs at middle hour, with canned biblical teachings. The only other time I heard this one so good was around some 10 years ago near closing evening time 2300, I think out of frequency, 15186 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The poor signal from this one is only partially the product of propagation. It's always fadey, but even when the signal is "in" there are long breaks in the audio and a generally reduced modulation level. But on May 6 I was getting the usual fadey/chopped up audio when at 0938 the signal improved markedly, seemingly more because of something done at the transmitter than in the ionosphere. It was still fadey, but the audio was steadier and much improved, and almost fully readable.

Their (infrequent) IDs are a mess, sometimes begun in the middle, often with audio drop outs, and typically at a lower level than the rest of the programming. Such was the case at 0956 May 6, with the audio improving again when they returned to the gospel programming. Note: They did ID as R. East Africa (May 6 was a Saturday), whereas a day or two earlier at around the same time I heard them ID as R. Africa. So it looks like the dual ID pattern, i.e. R. Africa weekdays, R. East Africa weekends, still holds. Overall a pretty amateurish operation (with apologies to the AROs out there). (Jerry Berg. MA, DXplorer via DXLD)

** FRANCE. FDG, Bordeaux Marignac, 10671 kHz, QSL, sticker, post card in 24 days. Tx time: 24 hrs, power: 400 W. Address: ERGE 10.538, Base Aerienne, B.P.01, 45998 Orleans Armees, France (Sergey Kolesov, Kiev, Ukraine, Signal May 9 via DXLD)

** FRANCE. CHIRAC`S DREAM LOST IN TRANSLATION

France`s television dream of mounting a challenge to CNN and the BBC has suffered an embarrassing setback after claims that the new channel, CFII, due to be launched in December, would broadcast most of its output in English. It was always known that part of the channel`s output would be in English and Arabic but champions of the French language were appalled at suggestions that its output in the language

be less than four hours a day. Jean-Pierre Paoli, right-hand man to CFII`s head, Alain de Pouzilhac, is reported to have defended the proposal on the grounds that English was a universal language. A spokesman for the new channel said: ``80% of our target audience will be Anglophone. If we want pluralism in the field of international television news, we cannot ignore this. Our viewers will be opinion formers, journalists and people who travel a lot, and the language most common to them is English.`` (AIB The Channel, April, via DXLD)

** FRANCE. HERE`S THE GOOD NEWS --- Following pressure from President Jacques Chirac, France has appointed its first black newscaster to mainstream TV. Harry Roselmack, born on Martinique but brought up in Tours, will become the first non-white to present France`s most-watched news bulletin on TF1. From the summer, Roselmack is standing in for popular newscaster Patrick Poivre d`Arvor.

The announcement that a black man will read the French nightly news has caused waves of excitement in a country where the number of prominent journalists ``of ethnic origin`` is very small indeed. The Averroes Club, which defends the image of ethnic minorities in the media, welcomed this as a huge breakthrough, commenting that soon, the viewer would no longer see the colour of the person but the journalist (AIB The Channel, April, via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. Good news from Dr. …dgar AmÌlcar Madrid, director of R. Verdad. After almost a year of tech problems, has finally located source of spare parts. In early April installed a new module allowing power raise to 750 watts. Still had problem with STL resulting in poor audio, frequent interruptions. He climbed highest antenna, and after 3 hours of hard work, fixed STL antenna. By now, RV could be on internet. Plans to stream at 14-01 UT via http://www.radioverdad.org He is also anxious to find out how well 4052.5 can be heard abroad. Enclose a few dollar bills to help out with postage if you want a reply. Radio Verdad, 4th Avenue 2-24, Zone 1, Box 5, Chiquimula, Guatemala, C.A., 20901 (Christer Brunstrˆm, Eternal Waves, Christian SW update, via HCJB DX Partyline May 6, notes by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST) O, gee, a lot of their mail will be diverted to Silver Spring or Takoma Park, Maryland (gh, DXLD)

** GUYANA. An interesting link for those interested in radio history. http://www.silvertorch.com/g_radio_bcast.htm
(Robert L. C. ``Bob`` Wilkner, FL, ConexiÛn Digital May 7 via DXLD)

** HUNGARY. Incertidumbre en Radio Budapest. Saludos cordiales, como nos adelanta CÈlio Romais en ``Noticias das Ondas Curtas``, http://www.romais.jor.br/ el futuro de Radio Budapest es incierto. Ayer Sergio PÈrez en el programa de Cartas de los oyentes de Radio Budapest comentÛ la situaciÛn de pesimismo e incertidumbre que reina

en la emisora; puede escucharse el fragmento completo extraÌdo de su emisiÛn en internet en Valencia DX.
http://valenciadx.multiply.com/music/item/117
73 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, May 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Most of the mail we have received asks about the situation of foreign language broadcasts at Hungarian Radio. Due to the parliamentary elexions, nothing has happened, and we don`t know anything about our fate. Some mention the old saying, ``after the calm comes the storm``.

Something will happen after formation of a new government. But it will be with the same coalition as in the past eight years; they won the elexion, so we don`t expect much. There will be an austerity program in all aspects of the Hungarian government.

The pessimistic tone in my voice reflects the majority of my colleagues, not just Spanish but the other languages too. The sword of Damocles is hanging over our heads.

Any news we have we will let you know on the air. We are proud to have so many friends all over the planet. Thanks especially to the activity of our old friend in Argentina, RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, telling the world about our situation (summary translation by Glenn Hauser of the 2-minute item for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. We`ve been hearing about the three Cs ñ cricket, crime and cinema. Is this what Indians are most interested in?

Absolutely. When we began this business ten years ago, we believed that politics mattered most. But today`s TV audience doesn`t believe in that --- they want those three Cs. This is what gains the most eyeballs in this country currently and I think that`s going to stay the same, so we have to entertain them with the news correctly and also give them the things that will keep them watching you [sic] --- it`s about stickiness (Jonathan Marks talking to one of the first TV news entrepreneurs in India, Gee Krishan, at the offices of TV Today in Noida, excerpt, AIB The Channel, April, via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. Re 6-071: 3987.08 RRI Manokwari (tent.) at 1145-1225* on May 3. Apparent reactivation of this RRI outlet. Vocal music to 1158, then M announcer, SCI, and Jak program at 1200 \\ 3976.06 and 4604.95. The Jak pgm ended at 1225 and, after a brief announcement, the station left the air. Fair signal but could not make out much of the talk due to announcer's soft voice and the local static. This was Manokwari's old frequency but has not been reported for years. Hope this reactivation is permanent! (John Wilkins-CO-USA, DXplorer May 4 via BCDX May 5 via DXLD)

3987.08, RRI Manokwari (presumed) at 1144-1220* UT on May 4. Vocal music from 1144 UT tune-in; then joined in-progress Jak program late at 1203 UT, and pulled the plug at about 1220 UT before Jak relay had ended. Fair signal but ham QRM (John Wilkins-CO-USA, DXplorer May 4, ibid.)

** INTERNATIONAL. I've been trying to organize a box of loose QSLs that have been on the shelf for quite a few years. Some of these stations were widely believed to be transmitting from certain locations, but I no longer remember those details. Can anyone help me with either known or suspected transmitter locations? Thanks!

Voice of the Libyan People, SEP 16 & NOV 10 1989, My note says "Chad?"

Radio Yugoslavia, JAN 24 1997, Bijeljina or Stubline?

Radio Prague, JUL 29 1984, 5930, site?

Radio France, SEP 1 1991, 17690, which site in Hungary?

Southwest Radio Africa 6145, MAR 24 2005, Broadcasts to Zimbabwe, from which site?

Radio Venceremos 6659 khz, MAR 19 1988, Has this been proven to be an El Salvador transmitter? My notes say "Morazon"

La Voz del CID, 9940 khz, SEP 10 1987, The 11700 brodcast was from Radio ClarÌn. I seem to recall speculation that this 9940 might have been transmitted from Guatemala or Costa Rica. Anyone remember?

British Forces Broadcasting 7125 khz to "The Gulf", AUG 22 1990 - my notes say "Oman". Was this correct?

Commando Solo II 8699 khz, OCT 17 2002, overflight to Afghanistan? Is this considered Afganistan airspace, or Diego Garcia, or what?

Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting 9022 khz, MAR 16 1985, this was a long-time frequency in use, any idea of the transmitter site?

Radio Iran, JAN 9 1988, this was believed to be from Egypt, I think?

(Jim Renfrew, 6988 Bank Street Road, Byron NY 14422, May NASWA Journal via DXLD) Jim can also read answers in DXLD

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET [and non]. Hi Glenn: Comments from here on unidentified stations and tentative identifications. It's a fact that many station can also be heard webcasting, and this fact can be used for identification. In the latest DX Listeners' Digest (May 7th) RFO

Tahiti, Radio Imperial El Salvador and Radio Illimani Bolivia are mentioned as tentative loggings. Of these three the first and the last are available live on the web, possibly also Radio Imperial but I have not found any link to it. So for identification this is a good solution, but remember the time difference - sometimes up to two minutes between the radio and the web broadcast. On the other hand, if you want to write reception reports, it's a question of your moral strength not to misuse the internet for "improving" your report - when listening on the radio we should be completely sincere and give program details as they are heard! 73 from (Ullmar Qvick, Norrkˆping, Sweden, May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. Voice of Justice, 9495 and 7235. Heard each evening (May 4-8) on both 41 and 31 meter frequencies at 0130 with fair to poor reception. The 41 meter frequency fades out by 0200 and the 31 meter frequency is usable to 0230. Last evening I had to run some errands, so I took the Icom IC-703 with me in the car and was able to receive VOJ on the 31 meter frequency using a 19" whip on the roof of my vehicle while I drove around town (Jeff Imel, Muncie, IN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. IRAN TO LAUNCH FRESH CRACKDOWN ON SATELLITE DISHES

Iran is to launch a fresh crackdown on people owning satellite dishes and receivers, national police chief Esmail Ahmadi-Moqadam was quoted as saying today. "According to the law, if the satellite receivers are visible in houses, the equipment will be seized and the offenders referred to the judiciary," he told the ISNA news agency.

Iranians can receive signals from more than 20 opposition-run satellite channels mainly based in the United States, while the Islamic regime tries to jam the signals.
Satellite television is deemed "decadent" and is banned in Iran but police raids and fines have not stopped dishes springing up like mushrooms on the roofs of homes in the country's bigger cities.

Iran's conservative-dominated parliament is currently mulling a bill which would impose more severe punishments on offenders, such as a fine up to 50 million rials (about US$5,500). (Source: AFP)
posted by Andy @ 14:58 UT May 8 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Clandestines observed since the start of summer time:

Dengi Shurashi Irana (V. of Revolution) in Kurdish 1525-1625 on 3880v 4380v 6425v

Seday-e Comuniste Irana (V. of Iranian Communists) in Farsi & Kurdish 1725-1850 on same as above

Dengi Komala/Seday-e Komala (V. of Komala) in Farsi/Kurdish 1625-1835 & 0330 on 3930

Dengi Khabati Kurdistana Irana heard irreg during 1600-1900 period & around 0330 on 4405/15v

Dengi/Seday-e Kurdistana Irana heard during 1600-1900 period on 3970 and 4860 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, DX News, May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) But there was no summer time change in Iran this year (gh)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. NORTH KOREA JAMS JAPANESE SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS TRACING MISSING NATIONALS | Text of report in English by Japanese news agency Kyodo

Tokyo, 9 May: Shortwave radio broadcasts by a Japanese group investigating missing Japanese believed to have been abducted by North Korea have been jammed by North Korea since Friday [5 May], Japan's top government spokesman said Tuesday.

"Unknown transmission emitted from within North Korea has been confirmed and is believed to have been jamming the shortwave radio broadcasts," Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe told a news conference and described such interference as "deplorable".

The group, known as the Investigative Commission on Missing Japanese Probably Related to North Korea, broadcasts the programme "Shiokaze" twice a day on shortwave radio through a British company. It can be heard in North Korea, as well as in areas near the North Korean border in China and in the northern part of South Korea.

The programme, which began 30 October last year according to the group's website, is aimed at rescuing the missing Japanese nationals by broadcasting their information as well as messages from their families and relatives in Japan.

North Korea admitted in 2002 that its agents abducted or lured 13 Japanese nationals in the late 1970s and early 1980s to the country, reportedly for using their identities and for teaching language and culture to spies.

The Japanese government has officially recognized 16 Japanese, including the 13, as having been abducted by North Korea. But the group believes that as many as 100 to 200 others have also been taken by the North. (Source: Kyodo News Service, Tokyo, in English 0851 gmt 9 May 06 via BBC Monitoring)

posted by Andy @ 09:42 UT May 9 (Media Network blog via DXLD) WTFK? 5890 via Russia; see 6-071

** KURDISTAN [and non]. See IRAN [non]

** KUWAIT. Re 6-070: 15110 is still on air between 0500 and about v0915 but in Arabic only. 11990 is on air in Arabic but goes off v1755. The English transmissions were dropped last year(?) and Urdu disappeared from 15110 around the same time too.

The only foreign languages now broadcast are Farsi on 9750 at 0800-1000 and Pilipino on 17885 at 1000-1200. Both have been heard recently. Occasionally - depending upon when the 9750 transmitter is switched on - it is possible to hear English preceding the Farsi service but I think this is a non-intentional transmission much the same as the English heard via Riyadh when they delay switching off the transmitter/audio after their French broadcasts. 73 from (Noel R. Green (NW England), May 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [and non]. May 9 observations around 1330: Afro-Cuban music on 17665, at least two stations on 17670 with usual SAH, Arabic talk and music audible, weaker than 17665. Nothing heard on 17660, 17675 or others in the area (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [non]. MALTA: R. Jamahiriyah. I received an unsigned standard QSL card stating that the Hamrun address no longer answers reports (Marlin Field, MI, QSL Report, May NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** LUXEMBOURG [and non]. Broadcasting Center Europe has registered a lot of frequencies for A06 for two daytime programs in English and French in analog mode for RTL but nothing heard up to now:

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5945 0400 0600 27,28W  JUN 10 220 FRENCH  LUX BCE BCE
6035 0400 0800 27,28NW JUN 10 300 ENGLISH LUX BCE BCE
6055 0600 0800 27,28W  JUN 10 220 FRENCH  LUX BCE BCE
5925 0800 1000 27,28NW JUN 10 300 ENGLISH LUX BCE BCE
5935 0800 1500 27,28W  JUN 10 220 FRENCH  LUX BCE BCE
6035 1000 1800 27,28NW JUN 10 300 ENGLISH LUX BCE BCE
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Does anybody know when and if these programs are going to start?

BCE only "received" in digital DRM mode on 7295 from 0900-1700 UT and 5990/6095 as usual (Udo Krueger, Germany, April 28, wwdxc BC-DX May 5 via DXLD)

A06 BCE - RTL, seemingly the old 10 kW unit of former 15350 kHz channel is registered again, at least two additional directional antennas at 220 and 300 degrees needed in future (wb, ibid.)

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 5925 0800 1000 27,28NW JUN 10 300 0 100 D ENGLISH LUX BCE BCE
 5935 0800 1500 27,28W  JUN 10 220 0 100 D FRENCH  LUX BCE BCE
 5945 0400 0600 27,28W  JUN 10 220 0 100 D FRENCH  LUX BCE BCE
 5990 0000 2400 27,28   JUN 50   0 0 950 N FRENCH  LUX BCE BCE
 6035 0400 0800 27,28NW JUN 10 300 0 100 D ENGLISH LUX BCE BCE
 6035 1000 1800 27,28NW JUN 10 300 0 100 D ENGLISH LUX BCE BCE
 6055 0600 0800 27,28W  JUN 10 220 0 100 D FRENCH  LUX BCE BCE
 6095 0000 2400 27,28   JUN 50  50 0 100 N GERMAN  LUX BCE BCE
 7145 0800 1900 27      JUL 40 290 0 805 N         D   BCE DTK Tentat
 7295 0800 0900 27      JUL 40 290 0 805 N         D   BCE DTK Tentat
 7295 0900 1700 27      NAU 40 275 0 156 N         D   BCE DTK
25795 0000 2400 27SE    JUN  1   0 0 976 N ENGLISH LUX BCE BCE local
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(Wolfgang B¸schel, BCDX May 5 via DXLD) Note: Jun = Junglinster site within Luxembourg; Jul = J¸lich, Germany (gh, DXLD) N = DRM!

** MEXICO. 4809, XERTA, various days as early as 1030, as late as 0500; Spanish music and talk (Marlin Field, MI, Tropical Band Loggings, May NASWA Journal via DXLD) No dates, but other logs generally cover late March to mid-April; they may be a bit below 4810 but I did not think they were all the way down to 4809 (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. MEDIA OVERHAUL --- Mexico`s broadcasting law is being overhauled but the move effectively ensures that media giants Grupo Televisa and TV Azteca retain their lock on the country`s airwaves. The legislation passed at the end of March, in effect grants them new broadcasting spectrum to launch HDTV and other digital services without expressly requiring them to pay for it. Critics see the move as a massive giveaway of public assets that will cost the Mexican treasury billions and block new players from the market. Together, Televisa and TV Azteca draw more than 95% of Mexico`s broadcast viewing audience. Powerful Televisa controls two-thirds of Mexico`s TV stations, four of six national channels, Mexico`s largest cable TV company and the nation`s only satellite TV service. Officials opposed to the law say Televisa and Azteca have pressured lawmakers in Mexico`s three main political parties to push the legislation through Congress before July`s elexions with the understanding that the broadcasters will continue to provide coverage of their candidates in return (AIB The Channel, April, via DXLD) Usual corruption

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. HI, Glenn -- Regarding the future of Radio Netherlands Bonaire facility: I Babelfished the Dutch language article mentioned in DXLD 6-071 (yes, Babelfish does Dutch) and the gist is that the site is being renovated, and it appears new transmitters are part of the package. The article mentions that the current units (at least the original two Philips) are almost 40 years old, and that DRM will be part of the new broadcast capability. Four million Euros have been budgeted for the project.

There is mention of staff reduction, which seems to indicate a high degree of automation after the rebuild is complete. Also appears that there will be a heavy emphasis on use of local suppliers in the area. Apparently the contract for the new transmitters is currently up for bids, so no technical info on that yet.

I had sent an item to DXLD some months ago wondering about the future of Bonaire, and I guess this is the answer. The good news is that it won't be going the way of the BBC/DW Antigua operation (Stephen Luce, Houston, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. CANADA. 6160, CKZN: Tnx to Colin Newell tip, CKZN already audible at 0300 with CBC news just out of sync with a much louder CKZU-Vancouver. As I recall, the transmitter is off by a few Hz as well. CKZN is about a tenth of a second behind CKZU, too. Still a few minutes before our local sunset. Best hrd on my K9AY aimed north (Walt Salmaniw, BC, DXplorer via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. Anyone care for an early morning challenge?

Hi Everyone, I've been having an ongoing discussion with one of the Aussies about MW DX. He's worked out the most likely stations that an North American DX'er could probably get from his way:

``The best Aussie AM stations to try for over there would be 3LO Melbourne Vic (774 kHz) and 4QD Emerald Qld (1548 kHz). Those two have been heard as far away as Finland.

I would say you would also stand a good chance of hearing 2YA Wellington NZL (567 kHz). They are all certainly worth checking.``

Reception times would be dictated by local sunset in New Zealand and Australia, generally speaking, the way I figure it, that'd be anytime from about 3:30 A.M. Central Time [0830 UT], until sunrise at your QTH.

I gave these targets a try this morning, I'll be damned if I didn't have a carrier on 567 kHz. that faded up at the proper time, and was in until sunrise. I may have had audio at 4 A.M [0900 UT]; something came up that sounded like an interval signal played once right at the very top of the hour.

BTW, you might be interested to learn that the Holy Grail of Australian MW DX are East Coast American stations. Those seem to pose an especial challenge from that way. Another target they're pursuing is the Turks and Caicos station on 530 KHz (Curtis Sadowski, Paxton, Illinois, May 8, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. Our old colleague from AFTN in Thailand, Brad Edwards, mentioned here recently as an inductee into the OK broadcasting hall of fame for his consumer reporting on KFOR-TV, has been stricken by a life-threatening ailment. KFOR was promoting all weekend a report on the Monday 10 pm news, interviewing him in his ICU hospital bed. Unfortunately, I missed most of it and it hasn`t appeared on their website yet, but get-well messages are being solicited and a great many have come in:
http://www.nytbcast.com/discuss/kfor/list.php?93

Tho KFOR is no longer owned by the NY Times, some connexions linger such as the above site, and linx to NYT news on the home page. BTW, Brad told me a few years ago that his wife is news director at KFOR.

Apparently his illness still has not been diagnosed, but from the symptoms some posters suggest it could be Lyme disease or myasthenia gravis. Get well, Brad! (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. NO CAUSE TO FLY OUT OF ENID THESE DAYS
By Patsy Sorrels, Commentary

On March 15, 1947, Oral Roberts placed a small advertisement for the Pentecostal Holiness Church in the lower left-hand corner of Enid Morning News and Daily Eagle. . .
http://www.enidnews.com/apstorysection/local_story_126002731.html

Actually this is the Keeping the Faith column on the Religion page, so it comes with a certain bias up front. About how faith-healing charlatan Oral Roberts got his start in Enid, a few blox from what would become WOR HQ, and on KCRC-1390, but quickly realized he was destined for bigger things, and moved to Tulsa. Point of the headline is that Enid is now blessed with all the gospel huxters it could possibly need (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 1610 kHz, Radio Haquira, 0204 UT 28 Abril, SINPO 23322, Haquira, OM "siempre a travez de Radio Haquira", sigue m˙sica folk, transmisiÛn en quechua / castellano (HÈctor Alvaro GutiÈrrez, Lima sur, RX : Sony Icf- Sw 7600 G, Ant. : Ewe , Audicion : Sony MDR 026 / MDR -CD 180 (audÌfonos), ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

** PERU. Informaciones citadas en esta secciÛn fueron logradas a travÈs de la escucha e investigaciÛn en la ciudade de Lima del 30 de abril al 4 de mayo de 2006. Horas se mencionan en GMT.

1500 Radio Santa Rosa, Lima --- According to program director, the station resumed Japanese music program ``Mi Querido JapÛn``, which had been aired on Radio San Isidro for years. The program is broadcast at

1600-1700 on Saturdays on 1500 kHz, 6045 kHz and 105.1 MHz. The shortwave outlet was not audible during my short stay in Lima, though.

1530 Radio Milenia, Lima --- In spite of the report in ARC SAND 13/2 2006, the station continues to identify as Radio Milenia. (Note that WRTH has erroneous entry as Radio Milena.) (``EL TIEMPO HECHICERO`` DX NEWS No. 26, 9 Mayo 2006, by Tetsuya HIRAHARA, Tokyo, Radio Nuevo Mundo via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Frequency change for Radio Rossii in Russian from May 1:
1325-2100 NF 7120*MSK 250 kW / 265 deg to WeEu, ex 7420
*co-ch till 1600 CNR-1 in various langs
       1600-1657 CRI in Hindi
       1600-1656 RRI in Russian
       1700-1757 Voice of People in English
       1800-2057 RNW in English
       2000-2057 CRI in Chinese
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, May 9 via DXLD) Other than that a great choice

** RUSSIA. Radio Rossii is still relayed via Kyzyl [TANNU TUVA] on 6100 kHz. Transmitter is co-located with TV/FM facilities and unregularly operating MW unit (567 kHz). Nominal power of SW transmitter is 1 kW, but it is usually reduced to 0.25 ... 0.5 kW.

Best reception in Tomsk is during the daytime. Signal is weak but clear. Local broadcasts were noted on 31 March before 0500 and after 0510.

Reception of Krasnoyarsk transmitter with Radio Rossii programs is highly variable. For example: 31 March, 6085 kHz, 0006 UT, news bulletin in Russian, very poor, O=1. But then they either increased power or switched the antenna. Due to this, signal became quite strong later that day.

Continued the checks on 1 April. At 0000 signal on 6085 kHz was quite weak, but better than 6100 kHz via Kyzyl. By 0030 (0730 local) 6085 kHz has almost completely faded out; meanwhile reception on 6100 kHz remained at the same level (O=2). Later, at 0130, 6085 kHz was empty, and 6100 kHz continued to carry Radio Rossii transmission (with 2.5 sec delay after Novosibirsk LW tx on 171 kHz).

I guess transmitting power in Krasnoyarsk was increased at about 0214; transmitter appeared on the air again, with regional broadcasting this time. ID as "Krasnoyarskoye krayevoye radio", and occasionally as "Radio Rossii Krasnoyarsk". At 0300 it switched to relaying Radio Rossii.

At 0840 reception quality on 6085 kHz was very good, while 6100 came

poorly. And on 2 Apr signal level increase was registered even earlier, at 0039.

Local broadcast from Kyzyl noted on 4 Apr on 6100 kHz. Starting time not known; lasted till 1100. Poor reception (open_dx - Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, Signal May 9 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. Tried to find some scheduled Russian language broadcasts at 1300 on 31 March:

 6035 - R. Polonia - not heard, there only was BBC in Indonesian.
 7275 - R. Polonia - not heard, there only was CNR-1.
 7345 - R. Slovakia Int - very weak, QRM by China.
 9440 - R. Slovakia Int - very weak, O=1.
11935 - R. Taiwan Int - good signal, but suffers from UNID noise on 11939.
13720 - V of Turkey - severe QRM by VoIRI.
15155 - RFI - very weak, splash from 15160.
15195 - R. Taiwan Int - weak, almost completely under the noise.
17805 - RFI - not heard at all.

And at 1330:
 6190 - R. Japan - poor, QRMed by Xinjiang PBS.
 9585 - KTWR - not heard.
11795 - AWR - weak but quite clear.
(open_dx - Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, Signal May 9 via DXLD)

** SINGAPORE [non]. The 0430 UT Tuesday airing on WRMI is not too inconvenient for us to hear Wavescan via webcast. May 9, featured part 2 of Adrian Peterson`s opus on the history of broadcasting in Singapore. It was read by someone from southern Philippines, whose English was American-influenced, causing him to mispronounce several callsigns starting with Z- as ``zee`` instead of ``zed``. I was under the impression AMP`s features would make up most or all of these shows, but not the case. Usual other features followed, including JSWC report mentioning that DXPL is still on ``WMRI``. And that Japanese preacher from Aomori reminding us that Honshu is Japan`s largest island. Maybe eventually we will learn that, if every damn time someone mentions Honshu they point it out!!! Toward the end they gave the outdated frequency schedule for the DRM specials on May 11-12, not on 11730 but three other frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, America`s 20th largest state, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. Saludos cordiales, seg˙n informa la directora general de la redacciÛn espaÒola, Ladislava Hudzovicov· en el programa de cita con los oyentes del 7 Mayo, el futuro de las transmisiones est· garantizado hasta el mes de Junio, a partir del prÛximo 26 de Mayo se re˙ne el nuevo Consejo de la Radio Eslovaca para tratar los nuevos

proyectos de futuro de esta entidad. Audio: Radio Eslovaquia, futuro incierto en la Onda Corta. 7 Mayo 2006 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5930, RSI in English, Slovak, 0128-0203 April 1, IS, IDs in English, Slovak, 0200 into Slovak, NA, presumably news; only audible with narrow filters due to WWCR splatter at 5935 (Mark Taylor, WI, International Band Loggings, May NASWA Journal via DXLD)

This situation is longstanding, but nobody does anything about it. Prague was on 5930 to NAm long before WWCR came up on 5935 (gh, DXLD)

** SLOVENIA [and non]. In the WEB page of PLAYDX you may read the complete and revised story of the travel in Slovenia and Croazia [visiting radio stations, natch]. The link : http://www.playdx.com/html/slovenia2006/slovenia2006.htm (Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Alternates Italian and Monferinglish

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. ITALY [non]. Brother Stair via NEXUS-IBA IRRS-Shortwave from May 1, all deleted:
1400-1755 Daily on 9310, 050 kW / non-dir to Eu/ME/NoAf
1800-2300 Daily on 5785, 050 kW / non-dir to Eu/ME/NoAf
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, May 9 via DXLD) presumably was via BULGARIA

** SUDAN [non]. A06 sked for R. Nile (new Sudanese Council of Churches) via RN, 04-05 Sat-Tue 9905-md, 12060-me in Arabic and English (RNW schedule/Andy Sennitt, DX News, May BDXC UK Communication via DXLD) -me?? I guess that is a typo for md = Madagascar like the other frequency; me might mean Meyerton, South Africa. I just rechecked the RN schedule and it shows both as Madagascar (gh, DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. Sudan Radio Service
0300-0500 on 11805 SKN 300 kW / 125 deg to EaAf En/Ar/Others Mon-Fri
0500-0600 on 15325 WOF 300 kW / 128 deg to EaAf En/Ar/Others Mon-Fri
1500-1800 on 17660 WOF 300 kW / 128 deg to EaAf En/Ar/Others Mon-Fri

from May 8, 2006
0300-0315 on 9735 SKN 300 kW / 110 deg to EaAf test txions \\ 11805
0400-0415 on 9695 WOF 300 kW / 160 deg to EaAf test txions \\ 11805
0500-0515 on 11940 SKN 300 kW / 110 deg to EaAf test txions \\ 15325
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, May 9 via DXLD)

So apparently they are thinking about replacing 11805 and 15325 if the others work better (gh, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TANNU TUVA. Monitoring of Kyzyl on 6100: see RUSSIA

** U K. VT UPPING DRM --- VT Communications, founder member of Digital

Radio Mondiale, is adding a new DRM compatible transmitter to its AM digital distribution network. The new 500 kW HF (SW) transmitter is manufactured and supplied by Radio Industry Zagreb in Croatia and is in addition to another recently purchased 100 watt transmitter for local DRM coverage within the London area. The latest transmitter is sited at VT Communications` transmission facility in Shropshire, UK to provide extensive HF coverage in Europe. The additional capacity that this transmitter provides on the DRM platform will allow broadcasters around the world to experience the benefits of digital AM technology and develop their digital service. Bryan Coombes, GM of Broadcast at VTC said they have been championing DRM for several years now and are committed to make the benefits of digital broadcasting available to the customer (AIB The Channel, April, via DXLD) {i.e. Woofferton -gh}

** U K [and non]. Updated summer A-06 relays of VT Communications (Part One of Two)

Radio Prague
0000-0027 on 11665 ASC 250 kW / 245 deg to SoAm Spanish

China Radio International
0000-0057 on 9745 BON 250 kW / 290 deg to CeAm Spanish
1100-1157 on 17625 SGO 100 kW / 045 deg to SoAm Portuguese
1200-1257 on 17625 SGO 100 kW / 045 deg to SoAm Chinese
1300-1357 on 17625 SGO 100 kW / 045 deg to SoAm English
1500-1757 on 6100 MEY 100 kW / non-dir to SoAf English
1800-1857 on 6100 MEY 100 kW / non-dir to SoAf Chinese
2100-2157 on 11690 SGO 100 kW / 045 deg to SoAm Portuguese

Gospel for Asia
0000-0130 on 6145 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SoAs SoEaAs langs
1230-1500 on 15215 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SoAs SoEaAs langs
1600-1630 on 11695 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SoAs SoEaAs langs
2300-2400 on 6040 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SoAs SoEaAs langs

Bible Voice Broadcasting Network
0015-0030 on 9605 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SoAs Hindi
0030-0045 on 7210 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs Bengali
0030-0045 on 9605 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SoAs Telugu Sat
0030-0100 on 6010 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SoAs Hindi Mon-Fri
0030-0100 on 6010 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SoAs English Sat/Sun

Voice of Vietnam
0100-0128 on 6175 SAC 250 kW / 212 deg to NoAm English
0130-0228 on 6175 SAC 250 kW / 212 deg to NoAm Vietnamese
0230-0258 on 6175 SAC 250 kW / 212 deg to NoAm English
0300-0328 on 6175 SAC 250 kW / 212 deg to NoAm Spanish
0330-0358 on 6175 SAC 250 kW / 212 deg to NoAm English

0400-0428 on 6175 SAC 250 kW / 212 deg to NoAm Spanish
0430-0528 on 6175 SAC 250 kW / 240 deg to NoAm Vietnamese
1700-1728 on 9725 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu English
1730-1828 on 9725 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu Vietnamese
1830-1858 on 9725 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu French
1900-1928 on 9725 SKN 300 kW / 140 deg to EaEu Russian
1930-2028 on 9725 SKN 300 kW / 140 deg to EaEu Vietnamese

Adventist World Radio
0100-0200 on 15445 TAI 100 kW / 250 deg to Asia Vietnamese Sat
0300-0330 on 11710 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Oromo
0300-0330 on 11975 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg to EaAf Amharic
0330-0400 on 11975 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg to EaAf Tigrigna
1200-1230 on 15365 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to EaAs English
1230-1300 on 15365 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to EaAs Bangla
1300-1330 on 15320 DHA 250 kW / 060 deg to EaAs Chinese Mon-Fri
1300-1330 on 15320 DHA 250 kW / 060 deg to EaAs Uighur Sat/Sun
1330-1400 on 15320 DHA 250 kW / 060 deg to EaAs Chinese
1400-1500 on 11695 TAI 100 kW / 250 deg to Asia Vietnamese
1500-1530 on 15225 DHA 250 kW / 075 deg to SoAs Nepali
1530-1600 on 15225 DHA 250 kW / 075 deg to SoAs English
1500-1530 on 15265 DHA 250 kW / 075 deg to SoAs Punjabi
1530-1600 on 15265 DHA 250 kW / 075 deg to SoAs Hindi
1630-1700 on 15460 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Somali
1730-1800 on 11710 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg to EaAf Oromo

Hmong Lao Radio
0100-0200 on 15260 TAI 100 kW / 250 deg to Asia Laotian Wed/Fri

Radio Solh/Radio Peace
0200-0900 on 11665 DHA 250 kW / 045 deg to WeAs Dari/Pashto
0900-1200 on 11675 DHA 250 kW / 045 deg to WeAs Dari/Pashto
1200-1800 on 17700 RMP 500 kW / 085 deg to WeAs Dari/Pashto

Sudan Radio Service [duplicated under SUDAN above]
0300-0500 on 11805 SKN 300 kW / 125 deg to EaAf En/Ar/Others Mon-Fri
0500-0600 on 15325 WOF 300 kW / 128 deg to EaAf En/Ar/Others Mon-Fri
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Radio Okapi
0400-0600 on 11690 MEY 250 kW / 342 deg to Congo French/Lingala
1600-1700 on 11890 MEY 250 kW / 330 deg to Congo French/Lingala

Radio Mustaqbal

0600-0630 on 15515 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Somali Mon-Thu/Sat
0635-0705 on 15515 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Somali Mon-Thu/Sat
0710-0740 on 15515 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Somali Mon-Thu/Sat
0745-0815 on 15515 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg to EaAf Somali Mon-Thu/Sat

Southern Sudan Interactive Radio Instruction
0630-0700 on 15535 ARM 300 kW / 188 deg to EaAf English Mon-Fri
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, May 9 via DXLD)

** U S A. VOA is opening a new Studio Tour to the public on April 17. The Tour has been developed in conjunxion with the award-wining design firm of C&G Partners of New York, whose credits include the Ellis Island immigration Museum and the D-Day Museum in New Orleans. VOA`s newsroom, featuring television and radio studios with live programming, serves as the central element of the visitors` experience, providing them with a behind-the-scenes glimpse of VOA operations. A special audio/visual produxion and visual displays illustrate VOA`s history through its many milestones to the multimedia organisation it is today. Reservations can be made online at http://www.VOATour.com (AIB The Channel, April, via DXLD) Downplay SW?

** U S A [non]. VOA, 12110, via J¸lich, beautiful calendar with elaborate program schedule in 5 weeks. With the budget cuts, does the program guide need to be the best I`ve ever seen? (Marlin Field, MI, QSL Report, May NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Frequency change for Voice of America in Kurdish: 1300-1400 NF 12025 LAM 100 kW / 080 deg, ex 9695 KWT \\ 15130 and 15390 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, May 9 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Being at home when I`m usually at work, that`s 1745, because this is Change of Government Day here in Tiquicia, I tuned 17730 Morocco relay station and heard VOA service for Zimbabwe, with what else? Political issues. No // 13755 copyable, with strong signal but splattered by WYFR Portuguese service on adjacent 17725 (a new frequency for them as is not listed for B-05 on WRTH), with some kind of 500 Hz hum, nulled only with USB tuning. Ended abruptly at 1759 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. I applaud the effort Lou Josephs as posted on DXLD 6-067, on presenting a historical WNYW podcast for next June. I pointed out in my Radio Impacto II article (DXLD 6-066) that, with all due respect, WNYW wasnít able ``to shine the shoes`` of WRUL, and precisely that DXing Worldwide show was a former feature of WRUL, altho I didnít hear one of those, that was the first time I heard the term DXing. Now, strange enough for me is that being such a classic commercial U.S. short wave station of the 60s, the Google reference about it is so poor. Has someone on this site, specially North American colleagues, a

better reference where a former WRUL loyal listener can find more information? Thanks in advance (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 6-071, crosstalk during WOR on 5070: I was meaning to post a query about this but see it already described here. I was trying to determine if this was an actual other station on 5070 or if it was audio bleed-thru from another WWCR program being transmitted at the same time, maybe due to cross-talk between cables or in the master-control mixing board (or whatever equipment is used). I was never able to match it with a second radio, tuning the various WWCR listed frequencies on at the time. It didn't seem to persist after WoR ended, or at least wasn't noticeable during the start of that religious program, because they blasted out music so continuously and thoroughly masked the secondary sound that I gave up.

If this was 20 (30? 40?) years ago, I would have assumed that the background program was something that had been on the tape that WoR was being played off of, and which had been incompletely erased when WoR was recorded over it. But I guess nobody does that any more... 73, (Will Martin, MO, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWCR is now simulcasting all four transmitters 24/7 via the internet! Select the Player you want to use for each station on the links below. Remember, the Windows Media Player only works in Internet Explorer. If you're using Firefox, select the MP3, or RealPlayer option. . . http://www.wwcr.com/wwcr_listen.html
(via Glenn Hauser, OK, May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

They all sound a bit distorted, and/or overmodulated. Instead of straining to hear 15825 as most of it skips over here, Mundo Radial started at 2118+ on WWCR-1 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. The 0430 UT Tuesday airing on WRMI is not too inconvenient for us to hear Wavescan via webcast. May 9, tuned in a bit early and heard the closing of Global Crisis Watch, which Jeff had said he planned to carry on WRMI, but we have heard no schedule for it. And its length varies, so when did it start, and are there other times? I had a look at the GCW archive via Clandestine Radio Watch and it appears there has been nothing in particular on that podcast lately involving radio, tho there are plenty of crises nonetheless.

Glenn: Yes, GCW is UT Tuesdays at 0400-0430 on 9955. That's the only airing on WRMI (Jeff White, May 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. ``R·dio DX`` [revived DX program in Portuguese on CVC Voz Crist„, or rather A Sua Voz, via Chile] O programa desta semana (dias 6 e 7 maio) n„o consegui capt··lo em 49m no s·bado porque no

Sudeste e Sul outras emissoras de ondas curtas do Brasil encobre a frequÍncia de 6110 kHz. No domingo, n„o foi ao ar no hor·rio aprazado, ou seja, 21h, hora de BrasÌlia, na frequÍncia de 11745 kHz, n„o sei por quÍ. Talvez alguma dificuldade tÈcnica, quem sabe? Ser· que confundi o hor·rio? Encontro DX - mais uma vez a tal propagaÁ„o "engoliu" o programa na metade. S„o caprichos da ionosfera. …poca difÌcil para as comunicaÁıes em ondas curtas. … o que h·. 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, radioescutas via DXLD)

Ol· Rubens, Luiz e demais, SaudaÁıes Hertzianas. Ao que tudo indica, um prov·vel problema tÈcnico fez com que a 2™ ediÁ„o do Radio DX na CVC - A sua Voz, n„o fosse ao ar! Aqui em JequiÈ eu tambem tenho dificuldades em sintonizar o R·dio DX, nos 6110 kHz, por conta da falta de propagaÁ„o no hor·rio do programa! Enquanto que nos 11745 kHz tenho excelente escuta! Nos encontramos em futuras mensagens, ou atravÈs das ondas do r·dio! Forte 73 (Cristiano Almeida, JequiÈ-BA, ibid.)

No show, UT Mon 0000 on 11745; I checked it too, but no reception (gh)

** U S A. The next noncommercial FM radio filing window is expected in early 2007y at the earliest; an AM radio filing window not expected until 2008y. The FCC is still processing hundreds of noncommerical FM applications, some mutually exclusive [MX] (May FMedia! via DXLD)

** U S A. In Philadelphia, little WPEB (88.1) is changing hands. West Philadelphia Broadcasting Foundation is selling the station to Scribe Video Center for $70,000. At the same time, WPEB has been granted a construction permit to move a few blocks southeast to a new site at 48th Street and Baltimore Avenue in West Philadelphia, where it will run 1 watt at 69 feet above average terrain (WPEB has been silent for a while, and the move will apparently ease some interference problems it's been having.) (Scott Fybush, NE Radio Watch May 8 via DXLD)

** U S A. BECK ANTICIPATES SHOW'S CANCELLATION -- EVEN BEFORE IT AIRS http://mediamatters.org/issues_topics/propaganda_noise_machine

Even before the May 8 debut of his one-hour prime-time talk show on CNN Headline News, right-wing radio host Glenn Beck is inviting http://www.glennbeck.com/news/04262006.shtml visitors to his website to guess the "exact date" of the show's demise. Those who go to Glennbeck.com and click on the link "When Will the TV Show Get Cancelled" are given the opportunity to submit their prediction. Read more: http://mediamatters.org/items/dailyemail/200605070001 (PROPAGANDA/NOISE MACHINE via Clara Listensprechen, DXLD) This may not be as strange as it seem; every show *eventually* gets canceled, but TSTB here (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. COLBERT ROASTING BUSH VIDEO

C-SPAN finally has the entire video of Stephen Colbert`s roast of GWB at the White House Correspondents` Dinner April 29, 24 minutes. Link is currently at the top of the list on the homepage http://www.cspan.org followed by one to the entire event. Tnx to tip from Clara Listensprechen. I heard that his segment never aired on C-SPAN itself, not sure if that is any longer true (Glenn Hauser, May 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It aired live, in fact. Don't know if it was repeated, but I suspect it was at least on one of the three C-SPAN networks (John Figliozzi, ibid.) It was shown in its entirety on CPAC, the Parliamentary Channel. I did several double takes at some of the very pointed remarks... ef (Eric FlodÈn, Vancouver, ibid.)

Personally, I thought it was fine. No worse certainly than Don Imus' roasting of Bill Clinton some years back. Funny --- I didn't hear anyone object to that rather harsh treatment back then. This kind of thing is more or less expected. I think what stuck under the press's craw with Colbert was that he was as hard on them as he was on Bush (John Figliozzi, ibid.)

True. I am a Don Imus addict I have to admit. Mostly watch on MSNBC, but I've seen him roast conservatives as well as liberals on his show if you watch it regularly. It does seem a double standard sometimes, however, we aren't playing in the same ballpark as we were 6-7 years ago (James Bernhardt, Fergus Falls MN, ibid.)

Having now watched the whole thing, I must say the finale, a pre-produced piece starring Helen Thomas, was pretty lame (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I agree. But oddly enough, I thought the Bush thing with the alter-ego Bush was pretty lame as well. With all the praise it was getting, I watched it again to see if I missed something the first time. I can only conclude that those praising it would praise any such attempt at self-deprecatory humor by a person "in power". JMHO (John Figliozzi, ibid.)

The Bush clone even appeared on Meet the Press, both in character and out, but with all the makeup. They showed a shot of his (him?) real self; looks nothing like Bush. He admitted that he liked the guy and has put any politics of his own on hold for the benefit of his career, which will also include impersonating John McCain or whoever is 44 (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** U S A. Extension 720 on WGN, Friday night, UT May 13 at 0205v-0400:

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH --- THE RISE OF RADIO

Tonight, we take a look at the beginnings of the radio industry and hear some of early radio's golden moments with two experts: J. FRED MACDONALD, an expert in the history of radio and television and president of MacDonald and Associates historical archive, and ALFRED BALK, former professor at Columbia University and author of the new book The Rise of Radio, from Marconi through the Golden Age (from http://www.wgnradio.com/shows/ex720/list.htm via gh, DXLD)

** VIETNAM. VOV LAUNCHES BROADCAST IN DAO ETHNIC LANGUAGE
http://www.vnagency.com.vn/newsA.asp?LANGUAGE_ID=2&CATEGORY_ID=29&NEWS_ID=198106

05/08/2006 -- 11:25(GMT+7) --- Son La (VNA) - Radio the Voice of Viet Nam (VOV) launched its broadcast in the Dao ethnic language at a ceremony held in northwestern Son La province on May 7, the 52nd anniversary of the Dien Bien Phu Victory.

The Dao-language broadcast, the tenth programme of the VOV for ethnic minority groups, will be aired three times a day at 7 am, 11 am and 8h30 pm [UT +7 = 0000, 0400, 1330 UT] on 6165 kHz SW, AM and FM.

VOV has set up broadcasting stations in the mountains of Quan Ba (Ha Giang province), Sin Ho (Lai Chau province), Mau Son (Lang Son province) and Pha Din (Son La province).

The broadcast, covering an acreage of 80,000 sq.km, will disseminate the policies of the Party and State to the Dao community and other ethnic minority groups.

The Dao group, with a population of 500,000, lives along the Viet Nam-China and Viet Nam-Laos border line, and in midland and coastal provinces of northern Viet Nam. -Enditem (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, May 8, dxldyg via DXLD) How many acres would that be?

** ZANZIBAR [non]. If you were hoping to listen to RTZ, 11735, such as at 1800 with English news on May 11 or 12, revise your plans, as the DRM specials from Sackville centred on 11730 will be running those days between 14 and 21. Does anyone have any other significant victims to report? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ALASKA

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Brazilian last night (Sun 7th May) on 4990 (or a shade above, say 4990.02). Heard from 2150 tune-in but seemed to disappear at 2204. Weak and noisy. Definitely Portuguese (not Dutch or Spanish) and typical echoey talk. Fanfare at end(?) of programme 2200 - mentioned "programa 'Sol da ter'.." and possible mention of Goiania. But no ID copied. Any one know what this could be? 73 (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+, longwire, dxldyg via DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

Alan, someone in Japan was also puzzled by this "Brazilian" station a short time ago. I suggest that it is actually CVC International via Meyerton according to an item from Radio Bulgaria DX Mix News of April 28th. They report that CVC operates on 4990 via MEY 100 kW non-directional to Ce&SoAfrica in Portuguese at 1905-2205. This is a new frequency instead of former 9620. The "disappearance" of the signal at 2204 coincides with the reported sign-off. 73s from (Noel R. Green (Blackpool), ibid.)

Thanks to Noel - eventually found the Christian Voice schedule on the Sentech website which tallies (Portuguese definitely sounded Brazilian rather than African though!):

CHRISTIAN VOICE
0515-1545 9555 100 Southern Africa English
0600-0900 9805 100 Mozambique Portuguese
1905-2200 4990 100 Southern Africa Portuguese
(Alan Pennington, ibid.)

Perhaps this Portuguese programming comes from the CVC Brazilian service in Miami. When you have such an unID you ought to go right to the DXLD archive and search on the frequency (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Thanks again for your wonderful work (Jeff Imel, Muncie, IN)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY
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It's about time --- PATH stations' clocks still running behind Metro-North converted every single clock to atomic time
By Judy Rife, Times Herald-Record

Keith Duffy calls it a big tease. He gets off his train from Harriman and sprints across Hoboken Terminal to the PATH station, only to see his connection to the World Trade Center pull out - and leave him fuming on the platform for 10 minutes until the next PATH train departs.

"We get into Hoboken at 6:41 or 6:42 according to NJ Transit's clocks, but it is 6:40 or 6:41 according to PATH clocks and yet the doors of the 6:44 (PATH train) are closing,'' said Duffy of Monroe. "It's like
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a big tease. Why can't they synchronize their clocks?" Well, they can, but they don't, and one of these days they will. . . .
http://www.recordonline.com/archive/2006/05/07/business-jrmaintime-05-07.html
(via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING
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DRM: see ALASKA; LUXEMBOURG; NETHERLANDS ANTILLES; SINGAPORE; UK; ZANZIBAR

BOSTON ACOUSTICS HD RECEPTOR HD/IBOC RADIO

Interesting take on the Boston Acoustics tabletop IBOC/HD Radio from someone on "Pubtech," the public-radio engineer/techie listserv. Damn thing was USELESS on the AM band due to internally-generated hash! I also find his condemnation of the audio quality of the secondary channels interesting, because one of the major "selling" points of HD Radio is the ability to air multiple program streams on the same frequency....
(Randy Stewart, Springfield MO, May 8, NRC-AM via DXLD) Viz.:

-----Original Message-----
From: pubtech @ lists.wduq.org On Behalf Of Charles Lawson
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 11:31 AM
To: Pubtech- Public Radio Tech Forum
Subject: [Pubtech] Another Data Point/Anecdote on the BA Receptor

Below are some very non-technical impressions of the BA Receptor radio...

I played with the Receptor fairly extensively over the weekend in the Washington, DC market. Most FM stations' primary digital channels sounded quite good and often exceeded the overall received quality of the analogue signal -- enough so to make me want one of these radios (or equivalent) for listening full-time. The coding scheme has come a long way and I was very favorably impressed. The digital artifacts might become more noticeable and objectionable over prolonged listening, but they didn't bother me much after several hours of pretty critical listening and I am quite sensitive to these types of things.

The FM secondary digital channels, however, were all trash and I absolutely would NOT listen to them for any length of time. I could not find one secondary channel that didn't make me switch away immediately.

Not one of them could match even the quality of decent bit-rate

RealAudio or MP3 Internet files. The coding artifacts were a very grainy/"aliasey" type that I had hoped would be restricted to just the cheapest of digital toys these days. WTOP-FM (formerly, WGMS, a full-time classical station) is currently running continuous classical music on its secondary digital channel.

YUCK! It sounds truly ghastly to a classical music fan and there is no way that most (if any) classical people would tolerate it. If Pubcasters are thinking that they can placate classical folks by moving their music to a secondary digital channel, forget it. It will just make them madder.

I could not get the Receptor to recieve any AM "HD" signals at all. In fact, I could barely persuade it to receive an AM signal, period -- even with an external loop antenna. There was a great deal of (probably internally generated) hash getting into the AM front end and this likely precluded any decent reception. The farther I moved the external loop antenna away from the radio itself, the better the hash problem got, but it never improved enough to make the radio useful for AM analogue or digital. It rates an "F" for AM performance in my book. If you have an AM station that you operate or just enjoy hearing, the BA Receptor doesn't seem to be a hopeful solution for you.

I have not had the opportunity to listen extensively to serious, classical music via anyone's primary digital channel so I can't really say how good the coding scheme has truly become; however, on spoken word, pop, folk and oldies formats, the BA Receptor sounded remarkably good to me -- loads better than the last demonstration I heard at iBiquity headquarters.

The improvement isn't worth $300 to me as a consumer, yet, but I can see a digital radio on my Christmas list some year if the price comes down.

FWIW, (Charles Lawson clawson @ capaccess.org Professional Audio for CD, DVD, Broadcast & Internet (Day job as a Pubcaster...), via Stewart, ibid.)

By the way, on the evaluations of HD receivers that have appeared recently, it seems like two things are missing: what's the HD range compared to the analog range (and it would be nice to also get a comparison when medium and heavy tropo is going on as well as Es). And are the new HD programming woeth listening to or are just the S.O.S. (Same Old Stuff). Knowing what happens with broadcast radio, if it isn't S.O.S. now, it will be fairly soon.

One final comment, I don't know if it is just this area or if this is now typical, but on week-ends, I generally keep WBGO-88.3 on the car

radio and the amount of intereference it's getting (every now and then) from a XM or Sirius receiver is becoming quite a nuisance. And one morning, noticed the interfernce, sounded like Howard, tuned down to 88.1, it was - and listened to him for over 10 minutes while following a van in traffic. (Joe Fela, NJ, May 7, WTFDA via DXLD)

My experience with both the JVC KD-SHX900 and the JVC KD-HDR1 is that HD coverage is half or less the radius of decent analog. This holds true for both FM and AM.

The few Boston area HD2 signals I've heard are pretty much the same things. Nothing so far worth buying a radio for specifically. WWBB-101.5 in Providence just turned on HD2 in the past few days. Yesterday there was dead air for quite a while on HD2, then it reverted to the main channel audio. I think the equipment was ready before the programming - or maybe the STL second channel. At the moment it's just dead air on HD2.

The FCC is addressing this, and that may cause some significant headaches for both XM and Sirius. In my truck the XM goes into the auxiliary input of the Blaupunkt. The audio is *much* better than through a modulator.

For what it's worth, the JVC KD-HDR1 is a good receiver on both FM and AM. And, if you search around, you can get it for as low as $229. I sold my old JVC, and no sooner was it gone than a client began asking questions that required I buy another @#$% radio. Some days I hate that Murphy character (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, WTFDA via DXLD)

My experience with the JVC KD-HDR1 is that HD coverage is pretty dependent upon what other stations are adjacent to the main analog signal. On a trip to Indy from Chicago a few weeks ago, some of the HD signals dropped out pretty quickly as I got into northwest Indiana, but these are also stations that have first adjacents in that direction. By contrast, WJMK, which has clean adjacents in that direction, held on to I-65 mile marker 230, which is roughly the edge of the outer circle on that station's map on radio-locator. The analog signal was very listenable for about another 20 miles and at least faintly there down to about mile marker 190.

I haven't had much chance to check with tropo and Es, but I'm looking forward to it.

Programming is a mixed bag. Most of the HD2 channels I've heard are niche jukebox stations -- all 80s, classic country, all dance -- stuff like that.

I think the biggest negative to HD2 is bandwidth constraints.

Generally, HD2s I've listened to sound like decent quality Internet audio streams and they pull bandwidth from HD1s too, negating the sound quality advantages that are clearly noticeable on stations that don't multicast.

I don't know if Ibiquity will do enhancements to the codec used, or if any current receivers can be updated if they do. Also, Ibiquity is now offering $25 off to people who purchase certain models of HD radio through the end of July. With some of the prices on the JVC, that will get you right around $200. I think it's a great deal at that price. http://www.ibiquity.com/rebate/index.htm (Glen Hale, ibid.)

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY BE OPEN FOR IBOC/HD RADIO?

For over four years, IBOC/HD radio has been the next big thing and poised for rapid growth. At least that's what IBOC/HD supporters would have you believe. But what's the reality?

Silicon Valley has the highest percentage of high-tech gadgetheads in the United States, and they have oodles of disposable income. But there seems to be absolutely no consumer interest in IBOC/HD radio among those gadgetheads.

The linked article above repeats a common mistake made by IBOC/HD boosters; it assumes the lack of IBOC/HD receivers in retail stores is somehow the fault of the stores. The possibility that IBOC/HD is simply not attractive to consumers, and therefore retailers, is never considered --- the ramifications of that possibility are just too awful for IBOC/HD supporters to contemplate.

Even Radio World, long a reliable booster of IBOC/HD, is starting to panic a little bit. There is a forced attempt to be hip by describing IBOC/HD radio as "the bling of terrestrial radio," but the article once again treats IBOC/HD as a technical issue instead of grasping it is compelling content --- or lack of it --- that will determine the fate of IBOC/HD.

People are also starting to recognize the interference problems caused by IBOC/HD might be greater than previously supposed; the Corporation for Public broadcasting is seeking participants for a study of IBOC/HD interference (thanks to Glenn Hauser and his World of Radio site for this info).

You can only live on promises for so long. For the past four+ years, we've been told by IBOC/HD supporters there was a huge, unmet public demand for digital radio. . . . . that people would not pay for satellite radio. . . . . that IBOC/HD radio was "interactive"

(which turned out to be a complete lie). . . . . . that IBOC/HD would let listeners print out coupons in their cars for advertised products (I swear I'm not making this up!). . . . . . and many similar things that have simply not been realized in the real world. We've had plenty of hype and blue-sky thinking, but very, very little in the way of anything tangible.

It's time for IBOC/HD radio to either deliver on its promises or else STFU. And "it's time" means now. Posted on May 08, 2006 (Harry Helms, Future of Radio blog via DXLD) For further links see: http://futureofradio.typepad.com/the_future_of_radio/2006/05/how_much_longer.html

PROPAGATION
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ECLIPSE DXING

Read below what I've managed to hear in MW during the solar eclipse on 29 March. I used my Degen 1103 for this exploration. And I've chosen Egyptian tx on 819 kHz to serve as propagation beacon.

At 1040-1100 everything was more or less stable:
819 kHz - weakish carrier and unknown (presumably local) interfering signal
810 kHz - weak signal of presumed Macedonia, O=1...2
828 kHz - Christo Botev, Bulgaria, O=2

And at about 1100, when eclipse reached its maximum, I noted sharp increase of signal level on 819 kHz. Arabic speech was easily recognizable, with O=3.

At 1110 notes some other Arab stations in the band; I guess all of them were from Syria: Very loud on 1125 kHz; others were on 918 kHz //936 kHz, 783 and 1071 kHz.

Besides this, the following frequencies became alive:
1062 - Turkey?
 954 - Turkey, quite strong
 990 - very good with music and Arabic talks (Cyprus, R. Sawa?)
 981 - Greece?
And many other weak signals.

Unidentified station noted on 1188 kHz at about 1115. No idea whether it was Iran or Egypt (open_dx - Yaroslav Derevyagin, Odessa, Ukraine, Signal May 9 via DXLD)

THE UPPER LIMIT OF SPORADIC E

The highest frequency at which Es has ever been reported is 222.1 MHz, and that is EXTREMELY rare (Doug Smith W9WI, WTFDA via DXLD) ###